

PUMC PIANO – FREE TO A GOOD HOME

Great Christmas Gift! Free piano! The People's UMC has a lovely old A.M. McPhail made in Boston in the early part of the 1900's. It is still in very good condition, no chipped keys, beautiful wood work. Needs cleaning and tuning. Free to a good home. Delivery not available. Please call 895-9879 to arrange a showing.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Girl Scouts from Daisy Troop #4902 are working on their "Considerate and Caring" petal by filling shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Since 1993, this unique Samaritan's Purse ministry has reached out to millions of children around the world through shoe boxes filled with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, candy, and other surprises. Last year, 7.4 million shoe boxes were distributed to children in 95 nations worldwide. Many of these children are refugees of civil war, survivors of a natural disaster, or victims of extreme poverty; and have never received a Christmas present. An ordinary shoe box, filled with toys and other presents, is an extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope!

If you would like to bring a little joy into a hurting child's life, there is a box in the foyer of the Fremont Library to accept donations until noon on Saturday November 19. Your donation(s) will be packed into a shoe box or added to shoe boxes being collected at the People's United Methodist Church. If your family would like to fill a shoe box for either a girl or boy ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14, you may also bring it to the library, but please enclose a \$5.00 check (payable to Samaritan's Purse) to help with the shipping expenses. A list of suggested gifts can be found at www.samaritanspurse.org or brochures are available at the library or church. Specific questions can be directed to either Samaritan's Purse in North Carolina at (800) 353-5949, Faith Levesque (Daisy Leader) at 679-9537, or Janet Therrien (PUMC) at 895-6968.

BUDGET COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

The Budget Committee has set the following dates for meetings to work on the 2006 municipal and 2006-07 school district budgets:

Monday November 7, 2005
Monday November 14, 2005
Monday November 21, 2005
Monday November 28, 2005
Tuesday December 6, 2005
Monday December 12, 2005
Tuesday December 20, 2005

All meetings begin at 7:00 pm at the Fremont Town Hall, first floor meeting room.

FREMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY THE GREAT THROAT DISTEMPER (DIPHTHERIA) EPIDEMIC OF 1735-1740

The Fremont Historical Society is very pleased to announce that Barbara Rimkunas, Curator of the Exeter Historical Society, will give a most informative and fascinating talk on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7:30pm at the Fremont Library on the worst epidemic to ever strike colonial New England - the Great Diphtheria Epidemic of 1735-1740. This terrible epidemic originated in nearby Kingston, NH and was more commonly known as the Great Throat Distemper Epidemic killing over 1000 New Hampshire residents in the first year alone in 1735, of which 900 were children all under the age of 20. This horrendous epidemic quickly spread throughout southeastern New Hampshire and north to Maine and south into Massachusetts, Connecticut and New York State. Hampton Falls lost over 210 children - the most of any New Hampshire town, and it wiped out whole families in that once tiny community.

Fremont in 1735 was part of Exeter and 127 people died in Exeter from the disease - how many died in that part of old Exeter that is now Fremont is unknown, but a graveyard on a small knoll located on the northside of Rislove's Pond on Main Street (opposite

Rowe's Gas Station) was believed by many Fremont senior citizens to be the burial site of several Exeter victims carried out by wagon to the then southwestern part of old Exeter, and buried in remote, present-day Fremont. Diphtheria was highly contagious and the living wanted dead victims buried far away from populated areas of the town as a means of controlling the infection rate.

The Fremont Historical Society takes pride in offering informative and meaningful local history programs. The public is cordially welcome to attend our FREE programs. Refreshments will be served. For more information please call Matthew Thomas, FHS President at 895-4032.

The Fremont Historical Museum will be open on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 2 to 4pm. Admission is FREE and this will be the last time the Museum will be open until spring. Special appointments can be made by calling 895-4032.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fremont Garden Club visited with their friends at Poplin Nursing Home on Saturday, September 17, 2005 to make fall bouquets. Fresh fall flowers of yellow, orange, and purple were provided for the residents to choose from to make their bouquets with accents of asparagus ferns. The bouquets are to be displayed on the dining room tables at the Home for all to enjoy.

Due to the rainy weather, the FGC completed their fall planting a little later than usual on Sunday, October 16, 2005. At the Town Hall Friendship Garden, a small, but lovely tree, Tinkerbelle Lilac, was planted as well as several fall perennials and annuals: Asters and Mums, to liven up the fall garden. Additional plantings were made at the Fremont Safety Complex.

**THANKS TO THE GARDEN CLUB FOR ALL OF BEAUTIFUL
SEASONAL FLOWERS AT THE TOWN HALL THIS
SUMMER! WE NOW HAVE A HARVEST CENTERPIECE
AND NEW FLOWERS IN THE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN!
THANKS FOR ALL OF THE FLOWERS AT TOWN
BUILDINGS!**

CHANGING FACE OF THE SEACOAST

How is growth affecting the lives of seacoast residents? The UNH Carsey Institute Seminar Series presents "The Changing Face of the Seacoast Forum."

The forum will include a presentation on the effects of growth and development over the past 40 years in the seacoast - including personal accounts from local residents and trends in data collected by project researchers - and will conclude with a panel discussion on where we can go from here.

The forum will take place on Wednesday November 9, 2005 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Elliott Alumni Center, 1925 Room at the University of NH Campus in Durham. It is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP with your name and mailing address to:
changing.face@unh.edu or by calling 603 868 4240

For directions to the Elliott Alumni Center, see
www.alumni.unh.edu/photos/maps/mapnh.html

NH AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Several sign-up opportunities for the agricultural community are posted at the Town Hall. The NH Division of Agricultural Development has several new initiatives in place, including the Farm Stand Directory, Harvest Your Own Directory, and Agri-Tourism Opportunities.

Contact Gail McWilliam Jellie or Lynn Gallop at 271-3788 or check out their website at www.nh.gov/agric. This state agency is part of the Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food.

The published directories will be available online at www.agriculture.nh.gov when they are completed.

